

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, sixty-five years ago Luke Machens took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, Berniece Alfred, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on November 23, 1939, at Saint Francis R.C. Church in Portage des Sioux, Missouri; and

Whereas, six and one-half decades later, Luke and Berniece Machens of Portage des Sioux observed their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner on November 28, 2004, in Saint Charles; and

Whereas, the marriage of Luke and Berniece Machens has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Mary Ann Beilsmith and Thomas Machens, and their four grandchildren, Craig Beilsmith, Christy Beilsmith, Andrew Machens, and Julie Machens; and

Whereas, a retired farmer, Luke Machens is a member of the Missouri Cattleman's Association; and

Whereas, Luke and Berniece Machens used the occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Luke and Berniece Machens during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Luke and Berniece Machens and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Luke and Berniece Machens of Portage des Sioux, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Dempsey
District No. 18

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker